

## COUNTY OFFICERS HERE FROM OVER KANSAS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Indications Point to Largest Attendance in History of Kansas Official Council—Plans Made for Entertainment of 900 Officials—Convention Opens This Afternoon.

## POLITICS ARE A FACTOR IN SIZE OF CONVENTION CO. OFFICIALS

Present Situation Expected to Increase Attendance at K. O. C. Many New Committees Will Be Appointed at Session Today.

## BANQUET AT C. OF C. TONIGHT

Bishop Wise and President Womer Will Be Speakers. Officers for Various Groups Will Be Elected Friday.

Arrival of county officers on early trains today and night trains Tuesday night as well as the reports which have been received from county officers over the state in the past two days, indicated that more than 900 county officers will be registered in Topeka as in attendance at the sixth annual Kansas Official Council before the end of today.

There was a considerable crowd in the Chamber of Commerce parlors long before the registration committee arrived this morning. They filled in the time until registration commenced by having their tickets validated.

The county commissioners far outnumbered, in the early registration, the officers of other classifications, with county clerks and engineers running second.

Come From Scattered Counties. The registration within a half hour of the time the committee opened showed that the representation of county officials at the convention this year will be representative of all the extreme portions of the state, and widely separated from each other, were among the first to register. While they were "milling" politics and the recent election were the chief topic of conversation.

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## KAN. ROAD LAW VITAL ISSUE TO CO. OFFICIALS

Discuss Situation of State Regarding Federal Aid. "Time to Act Is Imminent," Say Good Road Experts.

## JOINT SESSION ON ROAD CODE

Commissioners, Clerks and Engineers to Consider Question. Program of K. A. O. A. To Be Presented to Them.

The immensity of the time when Kansas is going to have to decide whether she is "in" on the federal road aid program or not, is making the present road laws of the state, and their possible revision, a vital issue at the present meeting of the county commissioners, county engineers and county clerks at Topeka.

The only joint session of the convention of the Kansas Official Council, which is to be held at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, will be devoted entirely to the road legislation problems of the state. In anticipation of the meeting of the commissioners, engineers and clerks, informal discussion of the road law is being backed by the Kansas Automobile Owners' association, one of the big forces among the county officers.

"It's the biggest thing before this meeting of the council, without a doubt," said C. L. Lawrence, county engineer of Shawnee county, declared today. "Kansas has got to do one thing or another at the next session of the legislature."

State Road Laws Vital Issue. E. J. Heckle, secretary of the Automobile Owners' association, is present. There was a general proportion of women in the early crowd, most of them themselves county officers. Few of the men seemed to have brought the women along to the meeting.

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## The WEATHER NEW

FORECAST FOR KANSAS  
Fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

## MORE PLEASANT WEATHER DUE

Sunshine, With Not Much Change in Temperature, Is Flora's Prediction. TODAY'S TEMPERATURES:  
7 o'clock.....32 11 o'clock.....40  
8 o'clock.....32 12 o'clock.....43  
9 o'clock.....34 1 o'clock.....45  
10 o'clock.....37 2 o'clock.....47

Shippers' Forecast. Protect all thirty-six hour shipments north against a temperature of 30 degrees. West 25 East and south 22.

A continuation of the pleasant autumn weather is predicted in Topeka for the next twenty-four hours, says Meteorologist Flora. Sunshine will be general and there will be practically no variation in temperature, says the weather man. No unsettled weather is in sight. The sky was clear today from Indiana west to California and from South Dakota to Texas.

The temperature will drop to about 10 degrees tonight and will rise to about 50 degrees Thursday. No precipitation fell in or near Kansas in the last twenty-four hours. (Continued on Page Two.)

## BANK IS CLOSED

Slow Paper Forced Action in People's State of Hanover.

Senator Hyland's Notes Said to Exceed Bank's Capital.

The state banking department today closed the doors of the People's State Bank of Hanover, Washington county. Senator J. R. Hyland, of Washington county, is president of the bank which was forced to close because of slow paper and uncertain assets.

Notes signed by Senator Hyland and his relatives are reported to exceed the entire capital and surplus of the bank. For several months Frank H. Foster, state bank commissioner, has insisted that this paper be cleaned up. Failure of the bank officers to act is said to have been one reason for today's action. J. H. Sandell, assistant state bank commissioner, has been placed in charge of the bank's affairs.

Closing of Senator Hyland's bank is the second failure in the town in less than three years. August Jodick, prominent Hanover banker, is now serving a term in the state penitentiary because of irregularities in handling the affairs of the bank. The state bank which closed with a loss of \$400,000. Both Jodick's and Senator Hyland's notes are reported to exceed the state bank guaranty law. Losses in the People's State bank have not been determined.

Senator Hyland's bank had deposits of \$123,000, according to a recent statement. Its capital was \$25,000 and the assets of Hyland's bank were reported to amount to practically \$130,000, according to reports received in Topeka.

Depositors of the People's State bank included: Bank of American, New York; Toole-Lacey National and State Bank, Topeka; Columbia National, Kansas City, Mo.

Political interest in failure of Senator Hyland's bank is growing. The failure of the political entity of Senator Hyland and Walter E. Wilson, former state bank commissioner, has been severely criticized by Wilson for his management of the Jodick affair. In the 1920 primaries Hyland was a candidate against Wilson for the state senatorial nomination in Washington county and won. Since that time the Washington county bank has been in a state of financial distress, which Wilson was formerly heavily interested was closed by the state department. The action was followed today by the closing of Senator Hyland's institution.

## SHIP IS DRIFTING AT SEA

The West Hematite Taken in Tow by Another Shipping Vessel.

New York, Nov. 15.—The steamship West Hematite, bound from Hamburg to New Orleans, has been taken in tow by the steamer Saucen, after drifting about 1,100 miles east of New York.

Boston, Nov. 15.—The United States shipping board steamer, West Hematite, said she was disabled and drifting. Her position was given as about 1,200 miles east of Boston. The shipping board steamer Saucen sent word that she was hastening to the aid of the West Hematite.

## Body Found in Pasture

Frankfort, Kan., Nov. 15.—August A. Floberg, a well known farmer of the Swanton settlement northeast of town, was found dead in a pasture near his home Monday evening. A search of his side led to the discovery of a suicide, probably due to financial difficulties. His widow survives.

amount to approximately \$3,000,000 per year. "Unless Kansas passes the proposed constitutional amendment and provides state funds, the state will not be allowed to participate further in federal funds, as the federal aid act allows three years for states like Kansas to correct their constitutions and act as units, after which there is no more federal aid."

"Under the plan proposed by the Kansas Automobile Owners' association, the entire state system of highways, amounting to 6,575 miles, linking every county in the state, can be completed within ten years with the bond issue, without it, this can never be done."

There will be not one penny's additional tax on the property under the plan, as required in the federal aid act, and would, therefore, lose her allotment of federal funds, which will

## BULL MOOSE IS BORN AGAIN IN LATE ELECTION

Progressive Element Springs Up in Both Parties. Conference of Liberal Leaders Will Be Held Soon.

## START A FIGHT ON HARDING

Prevent President's Nomination, Is One Purpose. Hyland Sees Third Party Unless Candidate Is Moose.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Mayor John P. Hyland, of New York, here for a short rest, saw party lines being effaced and prophesied that a new third party will be in the field in 1924, unless the Republicans nominate a man like Hiram Johnson, or the Democrats a candidate like William Randolph Hearst for president.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The new "Bull Moose" in national politics, rejuvenated as the result of the recent election, began to trumpet today. If plans now afoot work out satisfactorily, it is probable that Washington will witness a conference of the "best progressive minds" of the nation, both Republican and Democratic, and both in and out of congress.

Want to Defeat Harding. The purpose of those behind the projected meeting is the formulation of a definite platform or program upon which progressives of both parties can unite for furtherance of their principles and ideas in congress during the next two years. They are making no secret of their hope to pre-empt the renomination of President Harding and to force the selection of a Progressive in 1924, as well as to dictate the writing of the Republican platform.

If the conference is successful, it is regarded as certain to have a far-reaching effect not only upon congress, but upon the presidential campaign of 1924, and the issues around which the "progressive revival," born of the recent election, will be carried forward.

LaFollette and Borah Leaders. The militant progressive group in congress, of which Senator Robert M. LaFollette and Senator William Borah are the outstanding figures, hope to bring together both Republican and Democratic progressives for the attainment of certain objectives. They believe they can keep the new progressive phase of the campaign in the country and backed by a public sentiment aroused in its favor, not only sweep it to the highest pinnacle of success, but also force the enactment of Sixty-eighth congress progressive legislation even before then.

The Progressive Program. A tentative progressive program now being discussed by several senators interested in the movement, among them Senator Borah, includes: Repeal of the Cullen-Baker act. Legislation to curb the use of injunctions in labor disputes. Radical revision of the tax system, probable re-enactment of the excess profits tax and higher rates on big incomes. Curbing the powers of the federal reserve. Revision of the new Republican tariff act.

Advanced marketing legislation for farmers. Repeal of a child labor law that will pass the test of the supreme court. Recognition of Soviet Russia and re-establishment of trade relations with the Soviet government. Amnesty for political prisoners convicted of wartime offenses. A rural credit act to extend greater aid to the farmer.

Farmer Dies in Grass Fire. Bellevue Sam Barrett of Douglas First Suffered a Stroke. Douglas, Kan., Nov. 15.—The charred body of Sam Barrett, 46, a farmer, living four miles west of here, was found today by a neighbor. Barrett had gone out in the afternoon to burn some grass, and it is supposed he had a paralytic stroke and fell into the fire.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter. He came here from England a few years ago.

## Harness Maker Is Located

Manhattan, Kan., Nov. 15.—Missing last week, has been located in Wichita by relatives who live here. He is working in a harness shop there, according to a report made to the Manhattan police department.

## Tomorrow will be Dollar Day in Topeka.

"Dollar Day" has become a calendar event for Topekan and shoppers in surrounding territory because those who have done their shopping on "Dollar Days" of the past have found them the greatest bargain events they have ever attended.

Now the business stores are trying to set a new record—to make Thursday the greatest Dollar Day they have ever held, and to do this they realize that prices must be cut lower than ever before, that a greater array of goods must be offered and that those who have inspected their offerings on past "Dollar Days" must not be disappointed.

All of the latest stocks and styles are to be put on sale tomorrow, the merchants announce, and a new low price mark is to be established.

As they always do on such occasions the business houses advise those who wish the best of the selections to do their shopping as early in the day as possible.

Don't forget the date—tomorrow (Thursday).

## PACKING HOUSE HEADS ASK O. K. ON BIG MERGER

Plan Calls for Combination of Armour and Morris. Financial Interests Involved Total \$50,000,000.

## CONFER WITH WALLACE TODAY

Plan Must Be Approved by Two Federal Departments. May Be a Forerunner to Consolidation of "Big Five."

Washington, Nov. 15.—A proposal involving consolidation of the huge packing interests of Armour & Company and Morris & Company, two of the "big five" packers, was presented to government officials today for federal approval under the packers' act and Sherman anti-trust law.

Representatives of the two concerns, headed by J. Ogden Armour, multi-millionaire head of Armour & Company, conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace today for an hour. The consolidation would be effected by the purchase of the Morris company by the Armour interests. It was less than a week ago that the two companies had agreed to merge. The plan would involve a total of \$50,000,000, it was said.

The plans for consolidating the two great packing concerns, according to reliable information, are in a tentative stage and will be left open for further negotiation. The proposal might be raised by government officials under powers vested in them by the packers' act and the Sherman law. Before the plan would be effective, it was said, the deal would have to be officially approved by the department of justice and the department of agriculture. The government's position will not be known until the merger plans have been thoroughly studied.

Following the conference, Secretary Wallace said that the proposal was "too important to be discussed until its details were thoroughly studied."

The secretary said, however, it would have to be passed upon by the department of agriculture. It was learned that the two packing companies have sought to keep strictly within the limits of the anti-trust law in their negotiations. Their plans, so drawn, was said, as not to form a combination but to provide a straight-out purchase of the Morris interests by the Armour concern.

Whether this phase would be looked upon by the department of justice as an "invasion" of the law as a legal means of eliminating competition, or as a consolidation of the "Big Five" General Daugherty. A series of conferences with a possible public announcement by the attorney general of the government's position will follow, it was said, before the deal will be consummated.

## BRITISH ARE VOTING TODAY

Millions Flock to Polls to Name New House of Commons.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Nov. 15.—The electorate of Great Britain swarmed to the polls by the millions today in England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster, to elect the fourth parliament of the reign of King George.

The polls opened at 8 o'clock—an hour earlier than that in some big industrial centers—and by 9 o'clock in the night the new house of commons will have been selected.

No eleventh hour development has lessened the uncertainty of the result. The few prophets who venture forecasts the strings to their predictions.

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## PICKETS IN COURT TODAY

Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney and Eight Others Spend Night in Jail.

Washington, Nov. 15.—After a night spent in the house of detention, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of Terence MacSwiney, former lord mayor of Cork who died in prison on a hunger strike, and eight other women, two of whom elected to refuse bond and remained in confinement with her, were prepared to appear before a United States commissioner today to answer charges lodged against them for picketing the British embassy here.

The women were arrested yesterday during a demonstration against the British embassy in protest of the detention of Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of Terence, who is a prisoner of the Irish Free state.

As counsel for the women, John A. Finney, president of the American Association of Women Jurists, appeared in court today. The women, who are members, stated before the hearing today that they would plead not guilty on the ground that they had violated no law.

## GO TO CAPITOL IN PERSON

President Harding Will Appear Before Congress Next Tuesday.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Tentative plans were made today for President Harding to go to the capitol next Tuesday and deliver in person his message to the extra session of congress.

The arrangements were discussed with the secretary of the Curtis Club of Kansas, the Republican senate whip, and provided that the opening session on Monday be adjourned as soon as it began out of respect for the late Senator Watson of Georgia.

## RADICALS OUST WORTH CABINET CAUSING CRISIS

Reparations Proposals Failed to Save Government. Socialists Refuse to Accept Coalition Ministry.

## DOWNFALL NOT A SURPRISE

Say Wirth a Victim of Indecision and Inactivity. Cabinet of Business Men May Prove the Solution.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Official announcement was made this afternoon that the resignation of Chancellor Wirth's cabinet would be accepted by the Reichstag today. The cabinet was in progress for stabilization of the German mark.

The program which was submitted to the interallied reparations commissions for German financial reforms has the support of all parties and will be upheld by the ministry, political leaders stated.

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Nov. 15.—The German cabinet headed by Chancellor Wirth, has fallen. The ministerial resignations, filed last night, were precipitated by the decision of the United Socialists not to participate in a coalition ministry which included members of the German people's party.

But the friends of Chancellor Wirth were not oblivious of the feeling that he had outlived his usefulness and now has become a victim of a policy which has failed to bring about a solution of the German financial crisis. His resignation was the culmination of the government's failure to make a practical arrangement with the allied reparations commission during the course of its recent visit to Berlin.

Ever since the assumption of Foreign Minister Rathenau, the chancellor has been described as a man who apparently possessed no inspiration. No initiative has been shown by him in the assertion that the late foreign minister was Wirth's inspiration and the force which urged him on.

Policy Lost Support. With the passing of Dr. Rathenau, the chancellor visibly lost influence. His policy of maintaining the status quo in the face of the international situation, which was his "policy of fulfillment," diminished day by day. He admitted the collapse of this policy last summer when he announced the government's slogan had become "bread first, then reparation."

When the cabinet was formed, the weakness of the cabinet emanating from London as well as Berlin during the last few days, contributed to unrest in the ranks of the coalition party. His belated espousal of the people's party as a necessary adjunct to the government, which was the support he had been receiving from the Socialists.

Since the assassination of Rathenau, the chancellor has been obsessed with fear for his personal safety. During the last few months a heavy guard has constantly surrounded him.

Through the day the hope was that a truce might be effected, especially in view of the government's new reparations proposals, which were drafted by the cabinet, which included four socialists. The proposal approved the demands put forth by the socialists in connection with the program for internal financial and economic reforms. This was particularly true of the plan to stabilize the currency thru the aid of the reichsbank's gold reserve.

Night of Confusion Follows. Today the president will undertake the first steps toward the appointment of a new cabinet. During the night the situation was one of confusion. The day's solutions of the crisis already have been suggested.

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## GOES TO NATIONAL PARK BANK

Kansas Fiscal Agency Restored by J. H. Lee and Friends.

After a lapse of eighteen months the Kansas fiscal agency has been restored in the National Park bank of New York. The bank board—composed of the governor, secretary of state, auditor and treasurer—has decided to restore the fiscal agency to the National Park bank as the state's fiscal agency.

Action today sets aside the decision less than two years ago which placed the fiscal agency in the National Bank. Later the Atlantic National was absorbed by the Bank of America. Then came a three-cornered fight in which efforts were made to retain the service in the Bank of America by friends of the late Frank G. Coles, the governor.

Ames-Mullany interests sought selection of the National City. J. H. Lee and his friends turned to the support of the National Park.

Prominent bankers and strong banking interests were involved in the choice of the state bank. Lee said this afternoon, "and I am certain persons interested in the action of the state board will warmly commend the action of the agency in the National Park."

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## RATES A SCANDAL

Bell Telephone Charges an Economic Disgrace—C. M. Reed. Chairman of Kansas P. U. C. Speaks to Detroit Meeting.

## MONOPOLY GROWING ANNUALLY

Warning to Public That Burden Is Getting Heavier. Telephone Interests of Country Passing to Single Control.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 15.—"It is clear that the American Telephone and Telegraph company acknowledges ownership of substantial portions of all the telephone interests in the country and this rapid pace toward a complete telephone monopoly is a threat to the public which will impose a burden of hundreds of millions of dollars upon telephone users, both local and long distance," declared Chairman Clyde M. Reed of the Kansas public utilities commission in an address here today.

Reed, who is now in full swing in all parts of the district ravaged by quake and tidal wave. Some of the injured have died and the death list is now placed at 2,000 to 2,500.

Santiago, Nov. 15.—Scarcely a house remains standing in the Valparaiso valley in northern Chile as the result of the earthquake and marine disturbances last week. The full extent of the disaster is not yet known. In the provinces of Atacama and Coquimbo became more fully known today with the reopening of telegraph communication with the public. In these two provinces the victims number 1,500, so far as is now known but it is expected the number of dead will be substantially increased when communications are resumed, with many small villages in the interior.

At Valparaiso and in Copiapo owing to the looting which bandits have been perpetrating upon the distressed population.

Cause Is Explained. Altogether sun spots had something to do with the disastrous earthquake and consequential tidal wave in Chile, the moon was also a contributing factor, the opinion of Father J. K. Ricard, of the University of Santa Clara observatory.

Father Ricard is a leading exponent for the theory that the sun and moon have a direct relation to the weather and issues a monthly publication known as the Sun Spot.

On the other hand, it cannot be denied that the moon acts at an angle of 45 degrees, where, unopposed by gravity it lifts not only the waters of the ocean but also the earth's crust, opens fissures in the sea bottom where the water filtering in abundance, is turned into super-heated steam and exploded, thereby lifting enormous masses of solid material, which begin to oscillate and that is the earthquake.

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## NO STRIKE HERE

Santa Fe Workers Pay No Attention to Patterson Circular.

## Walk Out Called for Today Has No Effect in Shops.

"No attention is being paid to the strike circular sent out by W. S. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the machinists' union," said H. H. Stephens, president of the Santa Fe union here, the largest on the entire Santa Fe system. "A number of the letters sent out by Patterson, claiming that he was not one of them walked out." The strike circular called for a strike effective today.

Author of the strike letter, is an official of the "Machinists Union of the Santa Fe system," who has been in the employ of the Santa Fe for several months ago. The employees organized new craft associations, which are in no way associated with the old unions.

## STRIKE EFFORT A FAILURE.

Even "Patterson Doesn't Know Whether Any Men